

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

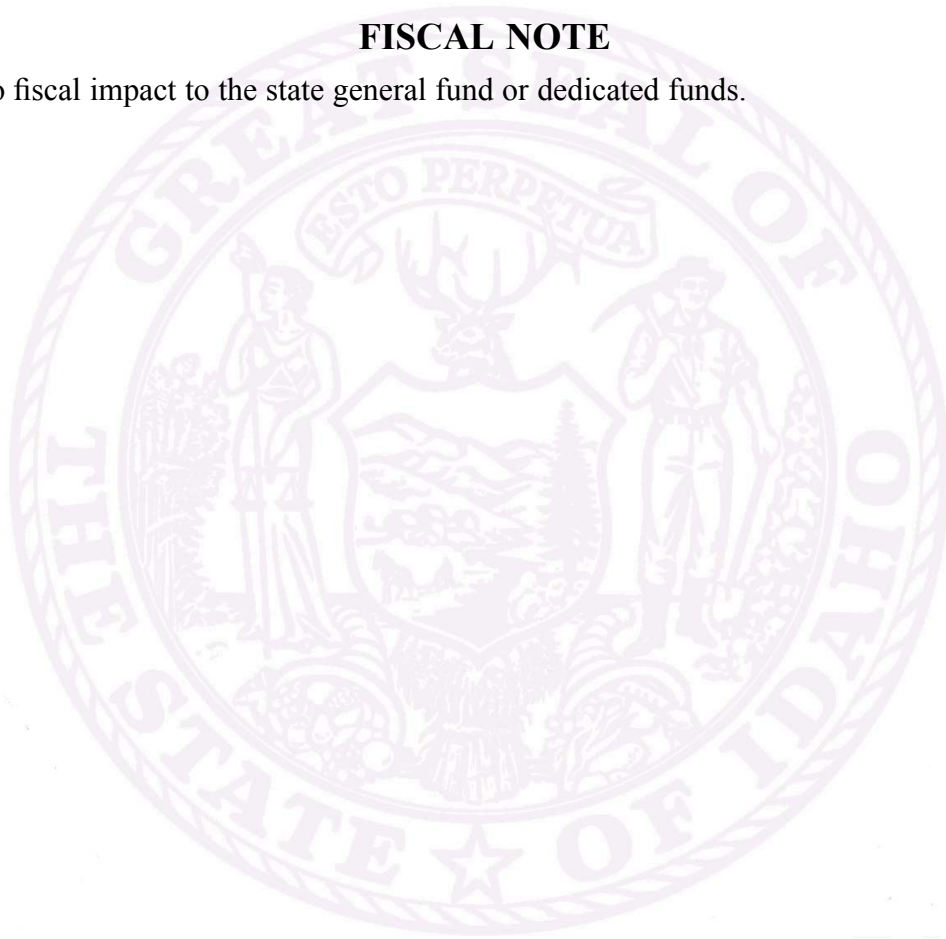
RS22490

The purpose of this legislation is to increase the primary care physician workforce in designated shortage areas of rural and frontier Idaho.

Surgical subspecialties have proliferated significantly in the last few decades and the specialty of general surgery is commonly regarded now as a component of a constellation of specialties often referred to as "primary care medicine," along with family medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics, gynecology, internal medicine and psychiatry.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact to the state general fund or dedicated funds.



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